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The cover illustration shows the Idaho Library Association's new logo, which was created by artist Leslie Twitchell of the Idaho Falls Public Library.

EDITORIAL REMARKS

It may already be true that no one wants to get a phone call or letter from me, because they know I just want to nag them about a review, an article,a report or some minutes. Just wait, I'm sure I'll get worse.

Thanks to everyone who has helped me get started as editor. It's dangerous to begin naming names, since I'm sure to leave someone out, but this issue wouldn't have appeared without the advice, knowledge and support of Lynn Baird, Karen Buxton, Gail Eckwright, Donna Hanson, Diane Prorak and everyone in the University of Idaho Library Cataloging Department.

Particular thanks to all those who have written book reviews, articles, minutes and reports for this issue and the April issue. I hardly had to nag at all, and some people volunteered!

If you're feeling creative, the only "Instructions to Authors" are these: if you use a computer, send a disk. If you don't, typed is fine. Format and formatting are not important, except for bibliographies and bibliographical references, which should be prepared according to the latest edition of the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Got any ideas?

Mary Bolin

President's Message

LIBRARIANS IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS

I know of few librarians who believe that libraries are not worth supporting, yet I also know few who work for this support. We have had opportunities to see the results of our non-active campaigning for libraries. A recent survey addressed to Idaho's gubernatorial and congressional candidates reaped only two responses from a field of eight. Libraries 2000, Idaho's White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services, had extended deadlines for government officials because the initial response was slight. We can do better than this! Librarians need to be advocates for library services. We have no trouble justifying outreach services for library users who have difficulties in coming to the library; why not apply the same logic to our approach to the hands that feed us? Legislators, mayors, city councilmen and women, and other elected officials have information needs that can be easily served by librarians. Offer your expertise! Then demonstrate how much faster/better/accurate/whatever the data might have been if the library had better levels of funding. Or express how lucky these are to receive the services of the local library; many Idahoans don't have this opportunity. We need to be watching out for all libraries. If your children are in school, become an advocate for the library services in the school! If we work together, this partnership of libraries and library services will only become stronger. Contact your elected officials. If they are new, welcome them to their new position and ask them to keep you informed of any library issues. If not, just express interest in their activities. If you write them about an issue and they actually vote in your favor, try to write a thank you follow-up. Lobbying isn't really that hard! Try it a couple of times-we will all be grateful for your help. Please, if you think of it, send me a blind copy of your correspondence. It is helpful to the Executive Board and to the Legislative Committee to know who is working on specific issues.

Lynn Baird, President

IDAHO ACADEMIC LIBRARY STATISTICS 1990

JUNE 30, 1990

	BSU	C of I	CSI	ISU	LCSC	NIC	NNC	RICKS	U of I	UI Law
STAFF, FTE (incl. vacancies)										
1. Professional	13.00	2.00	2.33	11.52	4.00	4.00	3.00	11.00	22.00	4.00
2. Nonprofessional	27.75	6.00	9.66	23.56	8.59	4.75	2.00	14.00	38.00	5.00
3. Student Assistants	18.52	[5]	1.53	15.79	4.89	3.50	6.70	40.50	15.00	3.20
4. Total Staff	59.27	13.00	13.52	50.87	17.48	12.25	11.70	65.50	75.00	12.20
LIBRARY EXPENDITURES										
5. Salaries and Wages	1,084,585	N/A	210,453	881,042	222,503	197,896	166,262	763,954	1,325,527	234,977
6. Collections	800,500	[164,320]	80,914	654,692	139,617	114,675	73,388	260,232	1,195,374	310,929
7. Preservation	17,295	[4,500]	6,860	20,288	1,541	4,200	1,000	4,887	38,776	5,461
8. Equipment	84,999	8,069	19,813	25,924	36,504	17,825	1,695	54,099	31,795	99,501
9. Contracted Computer Services	136,121	20,914	0	86,700	20,908	0	11,440	72,330	127,552	11,926
10. Other Operating Exenditures	197,760	21,641	16,133	89,981	126,533	50,809	10,073	95,419	107,457	62,165
11. Total Expenditures (all sources)	2,321,260	N/A	334,173	1,758,627	547,606	385,505	263,858	1,250,921	2,826,481	724,959
LIBRARY COLLECTIONS										
12. Books, Bound Serials, & Govt Docs (vols.)	378,096	148,214	47,813	406,373	99,104	33,776	124,332	146,561	741,705	109,050
12a. Volumes Added	15,571	3,637	2,526	4,469	6,338	2,746	4,272	2,415	26,602	5,748
13. U.S. Government Documents (pieces)	113,139	[75,000]	0	342,222	674	0	16,525	240,544	486,571	N/A
14. Idaho State Publications (titles)	506	N/A	0	2,712	833	0	N/A	36,105	12,640	N/A
15. Current Serial Subscriptions	4,461	642	759	3,051	741	740	792	830	10,694	2,771
16. Microforms										
Book Titles	1,071	[200]	0	1,987	20,000	0	12,700	inc below	113,798	63
Serial Titles	1,082	275	3	1,769	318	200	360	inc below	N/A	150
Govt. Document Titles	[224]	0	0	1,648	0	0	4,835	45,000	437,089	0
17. Total Physical Units of Microforms	888,183	70,000	28,750	1,397,886	89,910	4,600	66,782	169,796	1,303,286	130,065
18. Manuscripts and Archives (linear feet)	2,519	350	N/A	587	352	0	259	575	4,531	0
19. Cartographic Materials (physical units)	117,063	[425]	1,427	43,359	204	0	1,057	14,269	148,721	0
20. Graphic Materials (physical units)	34,432	0	0	N/A	1,593	0	N/A	8,247	103,009	0
21. Audio Materials (titles)	13,117	90	251	N/A	1,865	3,650	2,681	6,872	2,879	110
22. Films (titles)	505	3	34	N/A	11	150	N/A	522	0	1
23. Video Materials (titles)	126	69	968	N/A	435	700	7	2,731	12	76
24. Machine Readable Materials (titles)	5	225	0	N/A	7	4	6	350	12	0
25. Other Library Materials (titles)	17,361	0	0	N/A	0	0	1,543	65	0	0
LIBRARY LOAN TRANSACTIONS/SCHEDULE										
26. General Collection	150,260	11,082	12,875	66,282	50,320	10,561	53,340	170,099	120,991	N/A
27. Reserve Collection	24,853	[7,000]	4,449	13,867	9,559	6,784	4,532	57,865	58,530	N/A
28. Interlibrary Loans Provided	5,071	706	21	1,172	1,327	34	424	535	15,758	698
29. Interlibrary Loans Received	3,251	326	980	2,037	3,604	814	194	624	6,784	543
30. Public Service Hours per Typical Week	91.5	88.0	67.0	87.0	82.0	71.0	81.25	83.0	109.0	97.0

Figures enclosed in brackets indicate estimates.

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